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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional  
patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Kiyoshi YASUDA**

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **TONGUE DEPRESSOR**

- ☒ This is a new patent application.  
☐ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.  
☐ This is a provisional patent application.  
☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application  
☐ Divisional Application  
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application  
of prior Application Serial No. \_.  
☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_ of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee.  
☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
-- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of  
Application

☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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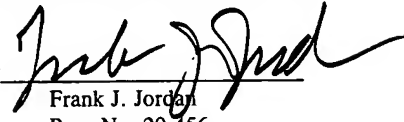
<b>PRIORITY CLAIMS</b>	
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
X	Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below:  <b>Japan Patent Appln. No. 2003-137970, filed April 9, 2003, Priority Claimed</b>  of which certified copies thereof
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Total Claims	3	20	0	\$18	\$0
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